

Plea ⁱⁿ ~~for~~ mitigation of sentence

W. D. Dwyer

Mr President and Members of the Court.

I believe that I know the accused probably better than any other man. We have worked together on the battle-field in easy and hard times.

The accused is a young man 20 years of age. He has had two years service including six months in the theater of operations. He was one of our fighting in the fateful days at Caen. On the famous night of 7/8 Aug. he rode into battle as one of our Anti-Tank gunners. He is one of the thousands of Canadians who drove the Germans back to Germany.

This is the man's first offence. He admits his guilt and realizes that he has made a drastic mistake. He realized this too late it is true, but he did give himself up.

I wish that the Court would bear this in mind as the accused is a good soldier.

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